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1. BOTH LEADING PRC-CONTROLLED PAPERS IN HONG KONG, THE
TA KUNG PAO AND WEN WEI PAO ON MARCH 31 PROMINENTLY HEAD-
LINED THE TA KUNG PAO'S OWN REPORT TELEPHONED FROM
BELGRADE ON DEVELOPING SINO-YUGOSLAV PARTY TIES. ACCORD-
ING TO THIS REPORT STANE DOLANC, SECRETARY OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE PRESIDENCY OF THE CENTRAL
COMMITTEE OF THE LEAGUE OF COMMUNISTS OF YUGOSLAVIA,
TOLD VISITING TA KUNG PAO REPORTERS THAT WHILE THE TWO
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PARTIES MAY HAVE DIFFERENT OPINIONS ARISING FROM THEIR
DIFFERING DEVELOPMENT, THEY COULD AGREE ON THE COMMON
GOAL OF WORKING ACTIVELY TOGETHER FOR PEACE IN THE
INTERNATIONAL WORKERS' MOVEMENT.

2. IN A COMMENTARY, TA KUNG PAO APRIL 2 ADMITTED THAT
THERE ARE SEVERAL QUESTIONS ON WHICH THE TWO SIDES

CANNOT AGREE -- THE ASSESSMENT OF STALIN FOR EXAMPLE --
BUT THAT THESE SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO OBSTRUCT
DEVELOPMENT OF TIES; THE DIALOGUE SHOULD "CONCENTRATE
ON MAJOR AREAS OF AGREEMENT WHILE SHELIVING DIFFERENCES."

3. IN A SUBSEQUENT INTERVIEW WITH THE TA KUNG PAO
REPORTERS, THE DIRECTOR OF THE YUGOSLAV FOREIGN
MINISTRY'S FAR EAST DEPARTMENT IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID
THAT YUGOSLAVIA WOULD TAKE THE NEXT STEP IN DEVELOPING
PARTY RELATIONS BY SENDING A PARTY DELEGATION TO CHINA,
SIMILAR TO THE RECENT CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY WORKERS'
DELEGATION WHICH VISITED YUGOSLAVIA AND ROMANIA.

4. THE ARTICLE ON THE MFA INTERVIEW ALSO MENTIONED
THAT:

-- CHINA WILL INAGURATE SCHEDULED AIR SERVICE TO
BELGRADE ON MAY 4.

-- THE CHINESE HAVE SIGNED SOME CONTRACTS TO BUY
YUGOSLAV-BUILT SHIPS.

-- YUGOSLAVIA WILL HOLD AN EXHIBITION IN PEKING NEXT
SPRING TO PROMOTE TRADE.

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